

DIAMOND DUST.

In Cuba now the players all call Petway the "Black Kling."

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Shutouts are getting to be common occurrences with Walter Ball in Cuba.

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Pete Hill, of the Lelands, is standing the natives on their heads by his terrific speed and slugging.

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Nathan Harris, of the Lelands, is also in Cuba, as are Buckner, Booker, Lloyd, Bobby Winston and several others.

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It seems as though Jimmy Smith, who

formerly led the St. Paul Gophers and Leland Giants, will be back on the job this season, leading Daddy Rood's team. The "old three figures" looks pretty good.

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Chappie (Rat) Johnson has got the bugs stirred up over his location this season. But few know that Chappie carries a contract calling for "three figures."

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If Walter Ball shoots them across the plate at Auburn Park this summer as he is doing now in Cuba, the Leland Giants will romp in the City League.

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There is a great demand just now for Lloyd, Petway, Earl, McMurray and Gatewood, and there is tall hustling going on among the managers for their services.

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"Rube" Foster looks to be in pink condition now. The Demon twirler takes his champions on a training trip this month, the first ever taken by a semi-pro. team in Chicago.

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Manager Mitchell, of the Minneapolis Keystones, has such players as Dad Roberts, Binga, Campbell, Johnson, Jessup, Graham and Hopkins, with several Texas stars to pick from. As usual, the Eastern teams bid fair to remain the same, and such familiar faces as Buckner, Sol White, McClellan, Holland, Monroe, Big Clarence Williams and others will be seen on the circuits this season.

LOUISVILLE GIANTS OPEN SEASON WITH ATKINS

**Now Owned by a Stock Company—
Have Own Park—Will Open Spring
Practice April 1.**

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — (Special.) — The Louisville Giants Club announces that they have formed a stock company for the sea-

son of 1909, and they will have a stronger team than last season, with the success of securing some few players that are well known throughout the country. Some of the old faces will be seen on the field

when they open the season with one of the strongest white teams in Indiana, known as the Atkins baseball team, on the 28th of April. The Giants have also secured the best amateur baseball grounds in Louisville, which is known as the Old League Park. It is located at Twenty-eighth and Broadway streets. The stockholders are arranging to make the park a success, and will rent it for picnics or any other pleasure that the public may desire. For information, you may see Clark Jefferson, park commissioner, Home phone 6060. Manager Lancaster says that he will have one of the strongest teams on the road this season. Headquarters are at Tom Cole's saloon, Tenth and Walnut streets.

Thomas Young, president of the com-

pany, states that this will be one of the greatest ball seasons of history, and that the club is open to meet all comers for 1909 in baseball. The company is composed of Thomas Young, president; Alfred Hamilton, vice-president; Clarence Coleman, secretary; Alfred Brown, treasurer; Clark Jefferson, park commissioner; Ed Lancaster, manager; Charlie Williams and Andrew Cambridge. The Giants' new players will report April 1 for practice.



LOUISVILLE CUBS BASE BALL TEAM

The Louisville Cubs are open to all comers. James Stringer, manager of the Cubs, would like to hear from some fast teams. Address 131 West Green street. The following is the lineup: Catch, Collins and Mitchell; pitch, West and Martin; third, Waston; shortstop, Booker; second, Wallace; first, Lolla; left field, Brisco; center field, Robertson; right field, West or Martin.

SUNDAY BALL FOR PENN.

Bill Introduced in the Legislature at Harrisburg.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

PITTSBURG.—There was introduced quietly at the State Legislature at Harrisburg a measure intended to legalize the

playing of Sunday baseball within the confines of Pennsylvania. It was introduced by Representative Reuther, of Berks county, and it is understood that both the National and the American Leagues are back of the move, as well as some of the largest business interests of Pennsylvania. The bill provides for the appointment of a State Baseball Commission. The commission will be empowered to grant yearly licenses permitting Sunday ball.

NEW YORK BALL PLAYER ATTEMPTS LYNCHING

**George McConnell, Pitcher for New
York Americans, Tries to Lynch
Colored Bellboy in Georgia.**

Special to THE FREEMAN.

MACON, Ga.—Following the theft of valuables from the room of George McConnell, pitcher for the New York American baseball team, which is in practice here, it is said McConnell and several of his companions obtained a rope and threatened to string up a Negro bellboy. The cooler members of the team are said to have kept McConnell and his comrades from using the rope. The stolen articles were found on the boy. McConnell is from Anderson, S. C. Detectives locked the Negro up.

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